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West Point Aug 28/63

Mrs. Hollie Lury

Esteemed Lady

I must confess, I am no advocate, for
Epistolary communications, ~~in~~ important
and intricate matters, when they can
be ~~con~~ ~~communicated~~ otherwise, there are
cases though, where they are admis-
sible, and I think this is one,
because of the great inclination, of
some, to make remarks, on the the-
list, pretext, and I fear you
not prepared to brook such;
as regards my self, such would have
but little weight, or, in any way in-
fluence me, with much respect
for your natural sensibility, and pro-
per regard, as to the relations, we sub-
sist to each other, and to life; I desire
make one small request to you

which I presume will very much
surprise you, from the fact of
having done so, in an acquaintance so

short, but must rely on your good
ness of heart, and magnanimity of

soul, ^{for} mercy and forgiveness, and I am
persuaded they will not be withheld,
by so fair and noble a specimen ^{of}
humanity and leniency, ^{as you yourself} then I de-

sire to ask a favorable consideration
of this note, and your consent to
a correspondence between us, if

possible, but if you will wave
claims to social visit, I would
really prefer to call on you, that
we might ^{for} ^a better acquaintance with

each other, which I trust in the ex-
~~and~~ ^{end} would be favorable and
lasting, as life is so brief.

I will be at the Baptist Associ-
ation on the 2nd Sabbath in April

if nothing prevents, at which time
I hope to see you, but cannot
presume to call at your house, with-
out your consent, under present cir-
cumstances,

I must be permitted to say
that I am extremely glad that
~~fortune~~ ^{fortune}, far from being brought about
rather an accidental meeting between
us, it is one that I will with
pleasure and solicitude remember,
as a token of very distinguished
favor, and I hope to be able to
improve it with becoming respect,
and be deserving of your highest
Regards, will you be so very kind
as to answer this at an early
and convenient period until then
I am with solicitude and cordial
— Yours Truly
Truly